



***TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
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ALL APPROVED TOWN MEETING MINUTES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES: You may have noticed new street-identification signs appearing at an intersection near you. The Town is installing these signs based on the recommendations of the Street Sign Committee (Sylvia Hobbs, Barbara Welsh, and Helen Lewis). We think you'll agree that the signs are distinctive and more readable than their predecessors and are located so as to be more obvious to non-Villagers, particularly emergency-response vehicles.

Which makes this a great time to remind everyone to take a look at your house identification numbers. When responding to an emergency call, time is of the essence. And the ability to identify YOUR HOUSE quickly from the street can make the difference in the ability of emergency-response crews to find you. The Bellevue Fire Department recommends that house numbers be at least 4 inches high, composed of clearly visible materials on a high-contrast background, and illuminated at night, if possible.

Please take a moment to look critically at the way your house is identified. Consider having a friend, particularly one who is not familiar with your home, give you their

opinion. And if you need to make an improvement, do so as soon as possible. It won't be long before those dark and stormy nights, which make reading house numbers so much more difficult, are upon us!

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

A BIG THANK-YOU TO MALCOLM HICKEY!!!: Malcolm, who has served on the Town Council since 1990, resigned from the Council on September 14, 2004. In addition to general Council duties, Malcolm has worked diligently to maintain the Town's roads and rights-of-way. The large shoes he leaves behind will be filled by Aaron Sharp, who has served as WABA Beach Master for several years. Thank you to Malcolm for your selfless service and to Aaron for your willingness to serve!

BALD EAGLES IN BEAUX ARTS: Now that the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has confirmed the presence of a bald eagle's nest near Matsudaira's, residents in the Village must conform to certain limitations on tree-cutting to protect this endangered species. While the mailstand grapevine has been hard at work sharing information about these limitations, any Villager wanting to cut or significantly trim back a tree should check with Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens or Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth to obtain a copy of the guidelines WDFW has written in response to Federal and state regulations governing building and tree-cutting activities near nesting bald eagles.

QUIET PAVEMENT: At the September Council meeting, Councilmembers discussed the potential use of "quiet pavement", an asphalt road-surface mixture that incorporates old tires as a means of dampening the noise on busy freeways and street, on the East Channel Bridge. While much of the discussion centered on how the Federal guidelines affect the East Channel Bridge project, Sound Transit and the Washington State Dept. of Transportation are now on notice that Beaux Arts and the surrounding communities will be pushing for a trial of this impressive material as a means of minimizing the sound generated on that span. The Council expressed special thanks to Beaux Arts resident, Walter Scott, for his dedicated work as a watchdog for both Beaux Arts and the greater Enatai area on this issue.

RESOLUTION 211 AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JAIL ADMINISTRATION: The Council authorized the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between a number of cities and towns in King County for administering the jail contracts between those cities and the Yakima County Corrections Department. While Beaux Arts rarely has a need for jail space (knock on wood!),

this agreement offers a solution to the high cost of such services when provided by King County.

VILLAGER EMAIL LIST: We still need your email address -- and we promise to keep it private! The Council would like to use email to send out electronic copies of newsletters (saves trees!) and to inform Villagers of urgent news (saves time!). So far, I've heard from about 30 families -- and we'd love to hear from the rest of you! Please send your email address to Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

LOCKING MAILBOX UPDATE: A few residents have expressed an interest in purchasing a locking mailbox, but I cannot place a second order unless I get at least 20 people who are interested. If you missed the initial purchase and wish to be included in a future purchase, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens to put your name on the list.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on October 12, 2004 at Aaron Sharp's house. At that meeting, the Council will be reviewing the preliminary 2005 Budget and Property-Tax levy, adopting an updated Comprehensive Plan, and discussing our franchise agreement with Rabanco for disposal services.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about **issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns**. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

Town Clean-Up November 6, 2004 & New Committee:

Please mark you calendars for this fall's Town Clean-Up: Saturday, November 6, from 9AM to noon.

A new Town Clean-Up Committee has been established to make this, and future work parties, more efficient and more fun. The Village has been divided into nine sub-areas, each with a block captain, shown on the attached map. The committee is chaired by Robin Stefan, and the nine Block Captains are:

Carol Clemett
Julie Fennell
Kerry Mahrer

Pam Cowan
Carol Graham
Julia Morse

Paula Dix
Susan Kennedy
Rebecca Saltonstall

In late October you will receive a call from your block captain who will tell you about organized projects with which you can help. As always, four dumpsters will be provided, and in addition two pick-up trucks will circulate throughout the Village to pick up compostable material only from Town property, and a refreshment car will also circulate. Please participate and help maintain our rights-of-way while enjoying the company of your neighbors. If you have any suggestions or questions, call your block captain or Robin Stefan.

Can you help in these areas?

- Do you have a truck? Would you be willing to help with the pick-up job during this work party?
- Would you like to do the “refreshment car” job during on November 6?
- Do you have a special project to suggest? The committee is gathering and prioritizing a list of potential projects on town property where ivy or weeds can be removed and replaced with native plants (similar to last spring’s work done by the blue mailbox in front of Carolyn Wyman’s.) Abutting neighbors would be consulted on plant selection and would need to make a commitment to water the new plants for the next two summers (a little weeding would be helpful, too.)

If “yes” to any of the above, please call Robin Stefan or your block captain.

Town Tree Planting Program – Your Chance to Adopt a Tree:

The Town is starting a Tree Planting Program on Town property. We plan to plant a number of six foot trees on Town property this fall as the first step in a several year project to replenish and increase the number of trees on Town property. We need your help to make this Tree Planting Program a success.

There are several ways you can help:

*** **Identify places on Town property** that you think would be good places to plant a tree. Each space should be an open space on Town property, free of wires, with clearance for the tree to grow. We will not be planting trees on private property; however, Town property in front of your house would be appropriate if there is sufficient open space.

*** **Volunteer your time to help plant one or more trees.** There is a town budget for purchasing the trees and we need volunteers who will plant.

*** **Volunteer your time to “adopt” a tree** and water the tree for the first two summers. We will need a watering volunteer for each tree that is planted.

***** Volunteer your time to work on the committee** that will develop a tree planting plan and help implement that plan.

Please email Judee Wells at wellj@foster.com or call at 454-2584 to identify potential tree planting locations for this year and future years and if you want to volunteer to plant or water a tree or serve on the committee to develop and implement the Tree Planting Plan.

Beaux Arts Story Project:

The Beaux Arts Story Project is progressing well as the committee nears the end of its second year. More than 60 current and past Beaux Arts residents have participated in 16 group story-telling sessions that were recorded then transcribed. Some participants lived in the Village in the 1920's. The transcriptions and the responses to the questionnaire mailed to all homes in the Village have been compiled and a rough draft of more than 200 pages is now being edited. The committee hopes to complete the project and make it available to Villagers in about a year.

Meanwhile, more work is planned and there is still time to participate. Several additional story-telling sessions will be held and the search is on for photographs that portray Village life and traditions. The history files and scrapbooks have yielded some good photos, but more are needed. If you have a picture that portrays life in the Village that you would like to share for the project, please call Robin Stefan. She will promptly return all photos.

WABA News

From the Beachmaster.

Thanks to Tom Taugher for tightening the swim dock lamp and adjusting the diving board. We couldn't keep the beach such a safe and fun place without the help of volunteers like Tom.

Vandals. Someone vandalized the play structure by removing the handles on the horizontal ladder and tossing them under the swim dock. We've recovered all but two. When you're down on the beach, please keep your eyes open for the two that remain missing, so we can avoid unnecessary purchases.

Change in Rules for Dogs. In response to complaints about dogs running loose around the north picnic area while members are eating, the Board of Trustees approved a modification to the rules governing dogs on the beach. The change

requires that dogs be kept on a leash in the area between the south edge of the north parking lot and the south edge of the tennis court. This new rule will be in effect from the start of the Memorial Day weekend to the end of the Labor Day weekend each year, beginning next year. The change will still allow dogs to run around in the central lawn area (under the pet owner's voice control), but not in the picnic area. The change will be reflected in the Green Book when it is updated in February.

Village Historian: Sadly for us all, Anne Rutledge is leaving the Village and we need a volunteer to take over as Town Historian. Ideally, the new Historian will also be able to house the archives and files of the Town and WABA, as Anne does currently. If not, we'll have to put the files in storage. Please contact Jim Airy (425-454-4662) or leave a message on the Town phone (425-454-8580) if you are interested.